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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Amended) A pressure sensitive adhesive composition comprising a rubbery continuous phase with a discontinuous phase distributed therein, wherein the discontinuous phase comprises a cyclodextrin in an amount of 0.1 to 65 wt %, based on the total composition and also comprises a hydrocolloid other than cyclodextrin.

2. (Original) An adhesive composition according to claim 1 wherein the cyclodextrin is present in an amount of at least 5 wt % based on the total composition.

3. (Original) An adhesive composition according to claim 2 wherein the cyclodextrin is present in an amount of at least 10 wt % based on the total composition.

4. (Previously Amended) An adhesive composition according to claim 1 wherein the continuous phase comprises up to 50 wt. % of polyisobutylene as a major component.

5. (Previously Amended) An adhesive composition according to claim 1 wherein the continuous phase contains up to 15 wt.% of a rubbery copolymer of styrene or a substituted styrene as a major component.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Amended) An adhesive composition according to claim 1 further comprising an active ingredient.

8. (Original) An adhesive composition according to claim 7 wherein the active ingredient is complexed with the cyclodextrin.

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9. (Previously Amended) An adhesive composition according to claim 7 wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of hydroquinone, menthol, salicylic acid, antibacterial agents, antifungal agents, essential oils and fragrances.

10. (Previously Amended) A medical or surgical appliance comprising a substrate on which is formed a layer of pressure-sensitive adhesive composition according to claim 1.

11. (Original) An appliance according to claim 10 in the form of a wound dressing.

12. (Original) An appliance according to claim 10 which comprises a skin barrier.

13. (Original) An appliance according to claim 12 in the form of an ostomy appliance.

14. (Original) An appliance according to claim 12 in the form of a transdermal delivery patch for an active ingredient.

15. (Previously Amended) An appliance according to claim 10 wherein the substrate includes a backing comprising non-adhesive waterproof film.

16. (Previously added) An adhesive composition according to claim 8 wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of hydroquinone, menthol, salicylic acid, antibacterial agents, antifungal agents, essential oils and fragrances.

17-20. (Canceled)

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